

Hear Thirteen Witnesses 1st Day King Trial

Hoey Scores For Defense On Cross-Examination During First Day

Lancaster, May 16.—The state began weaving a chain of evidence here Monday afternoon in its attempt to convict Rafe King, Sharon farmer, a second time for the murder of his school-teacher wife, Faye Wilson King, in January 1929.

Contend Suicide

The defense contends Mrs. King killed herself. A jury was selected from a venire of 36 men shortly before noon.

Physicians Testify In King Case; May Wind Up Saturday

The jurors are: H. G. Beckham, Lancaster merchant; Robert Byrd, textile worker; C. L. Hammond, Jr., Lancaster farmer; J. L. Falkenberg, Heath Springs, farmer; C. R. Rutledge, Lancaster, merchant; D. W. Jenkins, Lancaster, farmer; J. D. Horton, Heath Springs, farmer; Ora Moigan, Kershaw farmer; A. E. Bennett, Lancaster, farmer; J. E. Outen, Kershaw textile worker; M. C. Connell, Lancaster farmer; and Manley Belk, Lancaster carpenter.

Large Array Lawyers

Solicitor Finley is assisted by Mr. Sapp of Columbia, Allen Sapp of Lancaster, Gaston, Hamilton and Gaston of Chester and Angus McCauley of Chester. The defense is composed of B. T. Falls of Shelby, Toy R. Gregory of Lancaster, Thos. F. McDow, of York, Roach S. Stewart of Lancaster, R. B. Hilderbrand of York, Clyde Hoey of Shelby, Du-reece Williams of Lancaster and Neil Gregory of Kershaw.

Hoey Scores

Neatly clad and taking occasion to joke with friends and newspaper men, King heard the damning testimony of his neighbors brought out by examination of Solicitor W. C. Finley of York and his associate attorneys, but was cheered when the defense counsel, headed by Roach S. Stewart and his associates, scored tellingly on at least two occasions under cross examination of Clyde Hoey of Shelby, star witness for the state being on the stand when the defense brought out its telling points.

Preacher Testifies

Rev. E. B. Hunter, A. R. P. preacher of York, who expected into a fireplace in which King had claimed there had been no fire, discovering live coals, to staff the stream of circumstantial evidence against King, and Mrs. J. A. Saye, who bathed the dead woman in preparing the body for burial, scored tellingly as the prosecution of blood on the dead woman's body and marks on her neck in its effort to pin the crime on the husband of the dead woman.

But It Was With These Same Two Witnesses That Mr. Hoey Scored

for the defense and grave indication of the trend the defense will take throughout the trial. The defense brought from Mr. Hunter the fact that blood spots were not noticed until after pails of bloody water had been brought from the room in which the dead woman was being bathed, that the spots on the door looked as if they might have been made by hands opening the door and that the defendant looked to be weak and ill the next morning when he was making preparations to leave for his home in Shelby.

Mrs. Saye, Wife of a Sharon Physician, Testified That She Helped Other Women in Preparing Mrs. King's Body for Burial

A gash on the dead woman's forehead and her hair was matted with blood, she said. A red sweater, a lavender dress, hose and underclothing were identified by the witness who described blood spots she said were found on them. She found "a ring or a bruise" about the neck of the dead woman Mrs. Saye continued, which extended from ear to ear the witness said there was blood between the fingers and under Mrs. King's nails.

King Sobbed

King was sobbing "at times" at the home, Mrs. Saye said the night the body was found, when he told her he had eaten nothing all day, she said she offered him a glass of sweet milk "when he reached his arm out to take the milk I noticed he had on a fresh pajama coat and there were clean sheets on the bed."

"A broom by the pantry door," she continued, "in the kitchen was wet. The floor was damp over some portions of the room."

Judge Featherstone, presiding in court of general sessions several times threatened to jail persons for standing in the aisles, finally ordering the courthouse doors locked. Every seat was taken.

Saw Gash On Head

R. L. Plexico, of Sharon, testified that he went to the King home the night after the tragedy and saw a gash on Mrs. King's forehead and

that her clothes were bloodstained. He said King "told me his wife had threatened suicide and quoted her as saying, 'I would take Lysol but I am afraid it would turn my face black.' King told me his wife gave him two tablets, kissed him, told him to go to sleep and carried her clothes and shoes out of the room."

Damp spots were in the middle of the kitchen floor the night after Mrs. King's death, Plexico said, but the next morning they were dry.

The Rev. C. W. McCully, Presbyterian minister of Sharon, quoted King as telling him his wife had "worried all night" because she had no good way to get to school the next day.

King told him, he said, his wife and proposed a "suicide pact."

J. A. Whitwides, of Sharon, also testified to seeing the scar on the dead woman's forehead and splashes of blood on the floor.

King appeared to be "weak and sick," the day after the tragedy, the Rev. Mr. Hunter told Clyde Hoey, of the defense, during cross-examination.

Mrs. S. T. Ferguson testified that King reported to her that Mrs. King was missing on the day the body was found and expressed fear that she had taken her life. Other witnesses told of various circumstances on the day of the discovery of the tragedy.

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Frank Faulkner of York telling of the finding in the attic of the Sharon home a suit of clothes said to have been owned by King, with stains identified by the witnesses as blood.

These witnesses were followed by Dr. Abell. He told of making an autopsy, finding no evidence of poison, and definitely stated that the wound on the head had nothing to do with the death.

Mt. Sinai News Of Current Week

Attend Pleasant Hill Singing, Farmers Almost Through Planting, Personals.

Shelby, R-2.—The farmers of this section are almost through planting. A number from here attended the singing at Pleasant Hill church Sunday.

Miss Emma Lee Clary spent last week with relatives at Flint Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Rezie Putnam and Mrs. Cecil Baber of Shelby were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Putnam Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bridges and son, Mr. Elmo Bridges, visited Mr. and Mrs. Reid Blackburn one day last week.

Misses Yates Putnam and children, Roy Ellis and Dewey Rollins were visitors in Union, S. C. Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaitner Ellis of Beaver Dam spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ellis.

Misses Virginia Wood, Adele Ellis, Norine Rollins and Messrs. Charles Ferris, Hugh Watson and Marion Oliphant visited Miss Beuna Rollins while Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hunt and family visited relatives in the Golden Valley section Sunday.

Miss Sara Lou Putnam spent the week end in Shelby with her cousins, Misses Helen Sanders and Rebecca Putnam.

Mr. J. D. Branton, who has been in New York for the past week returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ellis and children of Blacksburg, S. C., spent a while with Mr. and Mrs. Miller Ellis Sunday afternoon.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glee Bridges and children and Mr. David Hamrick of Kings Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. Brainerd Westmoreland and children of Blacksburg, S. C.

Mrs. W. P. Hughes will leave this week for Greensboro where she will visit her son, Mr. J. A. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ector Ledbetter and children of Flint Hill spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Weaver and Miss Norine Rollins of Gaffney were the guests of Mrs. J. H. Rollins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Hamrick and daughter, Miss Selma Hamrick of the Poplar Springs community visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harbill Sunday.

We are glad to note that Miss Rheamer Clary who has been sick with roseola is able to be out again.

Mrs. J. D. Branton and Miss Bama Rollins were shoppers in Shelby Tuesday afternoon.

Ross Grove To Have Memorial May 10th

Program as following: Service begins with Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock. After which a reading by Charles C. Spurgeon, topic, "Somebody's Mother," followed by special songs and address by a speaker from Bolling Springs junior college. Dinner served in picnic style. Everybody cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets. Signed: Committee.

Envoy Arouses Ire



Ambassador Irwin B. McLaughlin (above), United States Envoy to Spain, whose alleged derogatory remarks about the cabinet of the new Republic have aroused considerable resentment, which may result in his being declared persona non grata by the new government.

African Prince To Give Concert Thurs. At Boiling Springs

Prince Wilbur of the Gold Coast of West Africa will give a concert at Boiling Springs auditorium Thursday, May 7th, beginning at 8 o'clock. The prince was at Boiling Springs on April 24th and made such a hit that the people asked for his return. He is said to be a wonderful pianist, featuring the most difficult but leading classics, spirituals and popular numbers on two pianos. Seats will be provided for colored people.

65-Year-Old Farmer Dies At Bethany

Had Lived All His Life On The Farm Where He Died, Church Elder.

Kings Mountain, May 5.—William Thaddeus Davidson, 65-year-old farmer of the Bethany section died at his home at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. Funeral services were conducted at the Bethany A. R. P. church at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. W. P. Grier, pastor of the Bethany church officiated. Burial was at the churchyard at Bethany.

Mr. Davidson was born and reared on the same farm where he died. He was married to Miss Nora McCarter of the same community who died twenty years ago. He was an elder in the Bethany A. R. P. church.

He is survived by three children, Mrs. John Quinn of Clover, Garland Davidson of Rock Hill and Cohen Davidson of Bethany; one brother John T. Davidson of Kings Mountain and one sister Mrs. Isobel Falls of Bethany.

Legion Leader Is To Speak In Blacksburg

Gaffney, S. C., May 6.—W. S. Bean, of Shelby, commander of the Shelby post of the American legion, has accepted an invitation to speak at a meeting of Cherokee county post No. 109, to be held at Blacksburg Thursday night. Probate Judge Lake W. Stroup, the commander, has announced. A "dutch" supper will be served at 50 cents per plate. The Sparta drum and bugle corps will attend, and it is probable that the Pacolet drum and bugle corps will be represented also, Judge Stroup said.

Arrangements for the dinner, which will be served in a store building, are being made by B. S. Bonebrake and Junie Smith, both of whom are enthusiastic Legionnaires.

Casar Memorial Sunday May 10

Memorial services will be held at Casar Baptist church on Sunday, May 10.

Sunday school at 10:00. Preaching at 11:00 by the pastor, Rev. W. G. Camp.

Those interested are requested to meet at the church Thursday morning, May 7 and clean off the graveyard preparatory for this occasion. (A. A. Richard)

Penny Column

ELECTRIC RANGES: WE NOW have a complete line of Westinghouse Hotpoint and Standard Ranges. Prices from \$88.00 up. Pentelton's Music Store. 2t 6c

WEEK END SPECIALS: Rice, per lb. 5c; Pinto Beans, lb. 5c; Seven O'Clock Coffee, fresh ground, lb. 10c; Van Camp Tomato Soup, 2 for 15c.

C. H. REINHARDT, South Shelby 2t-6c

Governor Supports Principles Of MacLean Law; Urges Assembly To Unite And Pass Revenue Bill

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cal sense as well as the logic in our present situation," the governor said, "leads irresistibly to the decision that for the present we accept the principle of the MacLean bill and that the state provide from sources other than ad valorem taxes as large a part of the current cost of the six months school term as you can provide for under reasonable and fair and just and workable system of taxation. Beyond that I do not think you are called upon to go. Beyond that I do not think you should go."

In conclusion the chief executive, appealing for a termination of the legislative session which enters its

120th day tomorrow with an apparently unbreakable impasse existing between the house and senate on the revenue bill, asked the legislators to "come to a reasonable compromise on a reasonable policy that we can reasonably defend and that we know will be reasonably successful in its operation."

Uses Plain Talk

"Unless we can find a way, and that quickly, to compose our differences and to remove the impression which I tell you advisedly is gaining strong headway in North Carolina that the Democratic general assembly and the Democratic administration of North Carolina are

impotent in a grave crisis to formulate a legislative revenue policy to serve the well being of this state, we have brought about a condition and a state of mind that is destructive of our welfare," the governor told the joint meeting of the legislature.

Calling for "achievement of this result," even at the cost of "a patriotic surrender of any pride of position," the governor said he came "ready to lay on the altar of service to the state any pride of position that I have maintained, and to seek with you an immediate solvent of our divergent views, that ends the prolonged uncertainties, that keeps the wheels of government turning in orderly fashion, and that permits our people to proceed with their own personal affairs in certain knowledge of what our laws are to be."

Demands Prompt Action

Pointing out that the representatives "of this great party" cannot and must not confess their inability to function, Governor Gardner called for a legislative policy, ap-

propriations, and revenue to carry them on "now."

Noting that 80,000 license taxes expire this month, the governor urged action.

"There has been some suggestion of a temporary adjournment," he said, "for reflection on our contested problems. It must be apparent that either adjournment or further delay in reaching agreement on these problems leads into and not out of the wilderness. Our people will forgive us for almost anything except confessing our inability to do."

Want Divorce for 18c

Tiffs.—Three hundred young couples who anticipate divorces have petitioned the Soviet Divorce bureau to cut the price of divorce papers from 48c to 18c.

Grizzlies Scarce

Ogden, Utah.—According to a recent federal game census, there are only 103 silver tip grizzlies remaining in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Arizona and Nevada.

Physical-culture classes, we read are now held in American prisons. The prisoners, however, are not allowed to skip.—The Humorist (London).

FOR SALE

The Joe Porter Farm, three miles East of Shelby, 66 acres and two dwellings, all buildings in good repair. No waste land. 1930 made 30 bales cotton, made 500 bushels corn, practically level land, sand clay road divides farm. Joins R. M. Gidney, Geo Sperring and Will Alexander. Price is just half its worth.

Oliver S. Anthony, LINEBERGER BUILDING

Advertisement for Cohen's Department Store. Features '7 Days' sale with various clothing items at reduced prices. Includes a large '7 DAYS' graphic and a list of items like shirts, dresses, slippers, and more.